(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the All India Radio to augment the capacity of its Solapur Station;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider conducting such a survey in the near future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) The 1 KW MW local Radio Station at Solapur is serving the purpose for which it has been established.

(b) to (d) The power of the transmitter is considered adequate for local radio station and no field strength survey has been conducted. There is also no proposal to augment the power of the existing transmitter as there is no frequency assignment beyond 1 KW MW power for Solapur under International Telecommunication Union Plan.

Coverage of entire Maharashtra by Second Channel of Doordarshan

1293. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for coverage of the entire State of Maharashtra under the Second Channel of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to serve the Western Maharashtra like Solapur and other areas; and

(c) what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c) The VIII Plan proposals of Doordarshan do not include provisions for the introduction of "Second Channel" service of Doordarshan from any Doordarshan Kendra in the country. However, with a view to meet varigated requirements of the viewers in the metropolitan city a "second channel" service is already in operation at Bombay since May, 1985. Besides, a satellite-derived regional TV service is also in operation in the State of Maharashtra since August, 1986.

Construction of Chalchitra Academy

1294. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chalachitra Academy has been constituted;

(b) if so, what is Government's managerial and financial involvement in the said Academy; and

(c) what are the main activities of the Academy ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Grants to Children's Film Society of India

1295. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what were the total grants given to the Children's Film Society of India during the last three years;

(b) what was the non-grant revenue of the C.F.S.I. during these years; and

(c) what is the total number of films produced by the C.F.S.I. during this period and the estimated number of children who have viewed them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Total grant of Rs. 3,98,00,209 was released to the National Film Centre of Children and Young people (previously known as Children Film Society of India) during the last three financial years.

(b) The revenue/income earned by the society during the last three financial years was Rs. 2,06,86,715.